

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A mixture of finely ground waxes comprising two or more components selected from the group consisting of A, B, C, and/or D, wherein component A is an ester wax ~~wax are used as component A~~, component B is an amide wax ~~waxes are used as component B~~, component C is a hydrocarbon wax ~~waxes are used as component C~~, and component D is an oxidized long-chain hydrocarbon wax ~~waxes are used as component D~~.
2. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ester waxes are wax ~~wax is selected from the group consisting of a natural ester waxes or wax and a synthetic ester waxes wax~~.
3. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the natural ester waxes are wax ~~wax is selected from the group consisting of montane waxes, carnauba wax, candelilla wax, and/or sugarcane wax and mixtures thereof~~.
4. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3claim 1, wherein the montane waxes are wax ~~wax is selected from the group consisting of montane wax acid, derivatives of montane wax acid and mixtures thereof, e.g. esters of montane wax acid, soaps of montane wax acid, esteramides of montane wax acid, and/or a mixture of derivatives of montane wax acid with long-chain fatty acids~~.
5. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3claim 2, wherein the synthetic ester waxes are wax ~~wax is selected from the group consisting of sorbitan esters of saturated fatty acids, esters of polyols, and mixtures thereof such as pentaerythritol, glycerol, trimethylolpropane, with long-chain fatty acids and/or their mixtures~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5~~claim 2, wherein the synthetic ester ~~waxes-wax are-is a copolymer~~ ~~copolymers~~ composed of long-chain olefins having from 5 to 18 carbon atoms and of unsaturated acids, such as acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid, and/or derivatives of these acids.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 7~~claim 6, wherein the ~~copolymers~~ ~~copolymer is a copolymer~~ whose carboxy functionality has been modified via reaction with long-chain alcohols, with perfluoroalkyl alcohols, with short-chain amines, and/or with or long-chain amines.

9. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to~~claim 8, wherein the long-chain alcohols are tallow fatty alcohol, coconut fatty alcohol, and/or or oxo alcohols.

10. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 9~~claim 8, wherein the perfluoroalkyl alcohols are C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-perfluoroalkylpropanol and/or or narrower cuts of these alcohols thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 10~~claim 8, wherein the short-chain amines are butylamine, dimethylaminopropylamine, diethylaminoethanol, tetramethylpiperidinol, and/or or diacetonediamine.

12. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 11~~claim 8, wherein the long-chain amines are tallow fatty amine, octylamine, palmitylamine, and/or or stearylamine.

13. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 12~~claim 1, wherein the amide ~~waxes are~~wax is the reaction ~~products product~~ of an amine component and of long-chain fatty acids or hydroxy fatty acids, ~~and/or their or~~ mixtures thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to~~claim 13, wherein the amine ~~components are~~component is ethylenediamine, ~~and/or or~~ hexamethylenediamine.

15. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 12~~claim 1, wherein the amide ~~waxes are~~wax is the reaction ~~products composed product~~ of ammonia and of long-chain fatty acids, ~~or~~ hydroxy fatty acids, ~~and/or their mixtures or~~ mixtures thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 12~~claim 1, wherein the amide ~~waxes are~~wax is the reaction ~~products composed product~~ of long-chain amines, ~~such as hydrogenated tallow fatty amine, stearylamine, palmitylamine, coconut fatty amine,~~ and of long-chain fatty acids ~~or~~ hydroxy fatty acids, ~~and/or their or~~ mixtures thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 16~~claim 1, wherein the hydrocarbon ~~waxes are~~wax is a polyethylene ~~waxes~~wax.

18. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to~~claim 17, wherein the polyethylene ~~waxes are~~wax is a polyethylene ~~waxes which have been~~wax prepared by the Ziegler process or by means of metallocene technology.

19. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 17claim 1, wherein the polyethylene waxes are wax is a Fischer-Tropsch waxes wax.

20. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 19, which comprisesclaim 1, further comprising from 5 to 99% by weight of component A  
from 0 to 95% by weight of component B  
from 0 to 95% by weight of component C, and  
from 0 to 95% by weight of component D,  
where the entirety of the components is 100% by weight.

21. (Currently Amended) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 20, which comprisesclaim 1, further comprising from 40 to 90% by weight of component A  
from 0 to 60% by weight of component B  
from 0 to 60% by weight of component C, and  
from 0 to 60% by weight of component D,  
where the entirety of the components is 100% by weight.

22. (Currently Amended) The use of mixtures of A printing ink or coating comprising a mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 21 as additive in printing inks, powder coatings, or other coatings claim 1.

23. (Currently Amended) The use of mixtures of A plastic comprising a mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 21 for the dispersion of pigments and of additives in plastics claim 1.

24. (Currently Amended) The use of mixtures of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 21 as hydrophobicizing additive in A crop-protection

preparations preparation comprising a mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 1.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of mixtures of finely ground waxes as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 21 asA lubricant in for plastics comprising a mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 1.~~

26. (New) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 4, wherein the derivatives of montane wax acid are selected from the group consisting of esters of montane wax acid, soaps of montane wax acid, esteramides of montane wax acid, a mixture of derivatives of montane wax acid with long-chain fatty acids and mixtures thereof.

27. (New) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 5, wherein the esters of polyols are selected from the group consisting of pentaerythritol, glycerol, trimethylolpropane, with long-chain fatty acids and/or their mixtures.

28. (New) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 6, wherein the copolymer is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid, and derivatives thereof.

29. (New) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 28, wherein the derivatives are methyl, ethyl, butyl, and/or 2-ethylhexyl esters of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic anhydride, or itaconic acid.

30. (New) The mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 16, wherein the long chain amines are selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated tallow fatty amine, stearylamine, palmitylamine, and coconut fatty amine.

31. (New) A pigment dispersant comprising a mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 1.

32. (New) A powder coating comprising a mixture of finely ground waxes as claimed in claim 1.